

Holmberg was published on April 1, 1999. The present application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/467,535, which was filed on December 20, 1999. Therefore, since Holmberg was published less than one year before December 20, 1999, it cannot be properly cited against the present application under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 1-7 and 17-29 as being anticipated by Holmberg be withdrawn and solicits an early notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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